

Fall of Roman Empire Partner Exercise

Using PEGS

Geographical

Empire is too large to govern effectively

Empire was too large and communication took too long.

The empire divided into East and West

Rome not centered in the empire once it was larger

Borders extended too far north to control

Political

The Army had corrupt generals and hired mercenaries

Civil war broke out among many provinces

Emperors were not always capable of governing (some men were just related to the old emperor so they got the job) Emperors often generals not politicians.

Between 180 A.D. and 284 A.D the Roman Empire had 29 emperors

Social

Increased use of slaves put Romans out of work. especially on the farms

The Wealthy Patricians became lazy and did not work

Many people convert to Christianity because it provided comfort and authority.

The population was shrinking because people were starving to death with no food and barbarians were taking lands

Public services similar to a welfare program became too expensive

There was a loss of patriotism and people became disenchanted with the Roman Empire and its life.

Economic

Taxes for the general population became high

There was a decline in production and manufacturing of goods.

The poor were over taxed and overworked

Prices increased and inflation made products too expensive

The value of Coins declined because of the amount of silver in them

The farms in northern Italy were barren of crops and agriculture declined.